assistance to small and medium scale industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Manpower export racketeers

†1982-A. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently launched a hunt for manpower export racketeers in the country who are duping innocent persons of lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, how many such racketeers have been unearthed in various part of the country so far, stating the number of arrests made and the amount of money involved in each case; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to curb the operation of manower racketeers who are exploiting the poor and innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years, 877 cases were unearthed and 973 persons were arrested. The amount involved is not available.

(c) Whenever complaints are received, these are referred to the Police Authorities. The State Governments have been asked to create Special Cells to deal with racketeering in man-power export.

†Previously unstarred Question 1550, transferred from the 7th August, 1986

Request by West Bengal Minister to Bangladesh President to telecast Football Matches

†1982-B. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a West Bengal Minister, Shri Jatin Chakravorti has written on his own to the Bangladesh President requesting him to telecast the World Cup Football Matches so that people in India could watch them.

(b) whether the Central Government have drawn the attention of the State Government and if so, what is the reaction of the State Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to issue guidelines to prevent State Government officials and Ministers from directly corresponding with foreign Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A news item to this effect was published on June 19, 1986 in the Times of India. There is however no confirmation of this report.

(c) There are already standing instructions, State Governments are expected not to correspond directly with foreign Governments—but through the Ministry of External Affairs.

‡Previously unstarred Question 2167, transferred from the 14th August, 1986